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SUBJECT: MAKARIOS AND DENKTASH REACTIONS TO MOVEMENT
OF TURKS FROM SBA

1.FCO JUST RECEIVED REPORT FROM NICOSIA OF HICOMER'S MEETING WITH MAKARIOS. MAKARIOS SAID BRITISH COULD NOT EXPECT HIM TO AGREE WITH DECISION. IT PRESENTED HIM WITH GREAT DIFFICULTIES. IN RECENT DAYS HE HAS HAD TO PACIFY GROUPS WHICH THREATENED TO BURN THE BRITISH HICOM. HICOMER OLVER ARGUED THAT MOVE INCREASES CHANCES OF A TURKISH GESTURE IN RETURN. GRUDGINGLY, MAKARIOS AGREED TO USE HIS BEST EFFORTS TO LIMIT DAMAGE TO UK-CYPRIOT RELATIONS. FCO CHARACTERIZED MAKARIOS REACTION AS RELATIVELY SUBDUED.

2. WHEN TOLD OF DECISION, DENKTASH EXPRESSED RELIEF. HE STRESSED CONTINUING PREFERENCE FOR EVACUATION BY ROAD. OLVER SAID HE PERSONALLY SAW NO DIFFICULTY WITH
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MOVEMENT BY ROAD AT SOME LATER STAGE, IF DENKTASH,

CLERIDES, AND UNFICYP ALL AGREED. MEANTIME, HE THOUGHT
IT BEST TO START BY AIR. DENKTASH ACQUIESCED.

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